**LEADERSHP INITIATIVES**

**Student-Centered**

September 2013- May 2014, Educator/Library Media Specialist Advocate

Advocated for my district to purchase iPads for the elementary school students as a tool for project-based learning in support of student achievement in the areas of Language Arts and Math. As an advocate, I attended districtwide technology meetings and Board of Education meetings requesting administrators to purchase the iPads. They were purchased and the students learned how to collaborate and use their creativity to plan and produce projects.

October 2013, Program Coordinator/Educator-Library Media Specialist/Vice-President and Library Board Trustee of the Irvington Public Library

Coordinated Hispanic Heritage Month activities and students participated in a research project to learn about Hispanic culture. A special guest—a Latino School Board of Education member who is also the President of the Library Board of Trustees—shared her experiences growing up and living in Puerto Rico. The students enjoyed the experience of eating Hispanic foods, listening to cultural music, and playing a piñata game.

February 2014, Program Coordinator and Committee Chairperson of the Celebrity Read Committee

Hosted the districtwide Celebrity Read Program where all of the elementary schools in conjunction with United Way invited parents, community leaders, business owners, and entrepreneurs to volunteer, read to the students, and discuss careers that promote reading literacy.

February 2014 and February 2015, Educator/Library Media Specialist and Treasurer of the Parent Teacher Association

Coordinated Black History Month activities in which students participated in Skype sessions and conducted interviews with teachers from West Africa in order to create PowerPoint presentations to present at the local Parent Teacher and Student Association meeting for the Black History Month Program.

March 2014, Educator/ Library Media Specialist – Author Visit

Invited a local author to present his book to the students. I prepared students with background information about the author and his works. The author also discussed what inspired him to become an author and key points about his book, which was about Gang Awareness and what you should do if you were ever approached to join a gang.

October 2014, Program Coordinator/Educator/ Library Media Specialist

Coordinated “Chemistry Week”. For the “Acid Test Project” I invited a representative for the American Chemistry Society to work with 4th and 5th Grade students on a science project related to acid tests. Students enjoyed conducting experiments to see which of their favorite candies contained acids.

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March 2015, Volunteer Reader/Educator/Library Media Specialist

Hosted the local public library’s “Annual Read Out”. Prominent community leaders and local authors were given the opportunity to read the children and discuss their careers.

April 2014, Program Coordinator/Educator/Library Media Specialist

Coordinated the Earth Day Poster Contest sponsored by the American Chemical Society. The theme was Water Cycles and student researched information and created posters. My 5th Grade student won First Place in the poster contest.

April 2015, Program Committee Member/Educator/Library Media Specialist

Taught the technology component for “Family Math Night” at which I distributed a list of math websites to assist parents and students to navigate through online math resources to solve problems. The parents and students played math board games that addressed specific math skills.

May 2015, Program Committee Member/Educator/Library Media Specialist for the Science Fair

Provided resources for students to design and create science experiments for a science fair held for parents, students, staff members and the community to attend in the evening.. The students displayed their science projects in the school’s gymnasium and were able to explain the purpose and outcome of the experiments.

**Parent-Centered**

September 2013- June 2015, President of the High School Parent Teacher Student Association

Serve as the President of the High School Parent Teacher Student Association and provided a platform for parents, teachers, students, and the community to meet and discuss programs and activities for the student body. A host of speakers were invited to address topics such as college recruitment, financing college, career opportunities, and preparation for job employment. To increase attendance, secured three computers that were raffled off at each of six meetings.

November 2013- June 2014, Creator of the Community Technology Center/Technology Teacher

Trained parents to use Microsoft Word to create a resume and search for employment. I also showed parents how to complete an online job application. In addition, to foster the home/school connection, students and parents worked together to complete homework assignments and class projects.

January 2014, President of the Parent Teacher Student Association

Taught the Family FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Night. We provided computers with Internet access and students and parents received assistance in filing electronically to complete their applications to receive financial aid to attend colleges or universities.

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June 2014, Presenter

At the Districtwide Parent Academy Session 1, a forum for parents to enhance parenting skills and obtain educational resources, I presented a workshop on the topic “Free Educational Websites for Parents and Children” and provided many valuable handouts for the parents.

June 2014, Presenter

At the Districtwide Parent Academy Session 2, I presented on the topic of “Cyber Bullying” and addressed parents’ questions and concerns.

**Community-Centered**

April 2014 and April 2015, Volunteer Reader

Was a Volunteer Reader at the 22nd and 23rd Annual Read Out. The Irvington Public Library hosts this annual event where prominent adults and local authors volunteer to read to the children and the children are able to ask question of the volunteer readers.

July 2014, Councilwoman-at-Large

Participated in the Sustainable Jersey Program. The Township provided vacant lots to the residents and to block associations to create community gardens to promote healthy initiatives and help prevent obesity in children. The Council Members along with the Mayor sponsored park and recreation summer programs while local members of the Health Department provided literature to the community about health-awareness topics.

July and August 2013, Technology Coach

Volunteer to teach senior citizens how to use the computer to create email accounts and send and retrieve documents. I also instructed seniors in how to type letters using Microsoft Word and conducted a demonstration on how to search for information on the Internet and locate the local newspaper.

August 2014, Councilwoman-At-Large – North and Eastward Community Cookout

With the Mayor, hosted this free event that was open to local residents. The elected officials, School Board members, block associations, and the community were invited to attend this fun end-of-the-summer event. Vendors and agencies were invited provide resources: childcare providers, local businesses, bank representatives, Health Department representatives, Fire and Police representatives, and entrepreneurs. The residents enjoyed musical performances and the cookout.

March 2015, Councilwoman-at-Large – Women’s History Month

At the annual Women’s History Month ceremony to acknowledge women for their commitment in serving the community, I was asked to present a proclamation to a local Freeholder for her commitment and dedication in serving the community.

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April 2015, Co-Presenter with Special Education Teachers – Autism Awareness

Topic- Autism Awareness - PowerPoint Presentation to educate students and parents about Autism and how to treat artistic children with kindness. The presentation was held at a local school during the Parent, Teacher, Association meeting. Buttons symbolizing Autism Month were disturbed to the parents and children.

April 2015, Presenter and Crisis Counselor - Workshop- Warning Signs of Child Sexual Abuse

Held a workshop entitled, “Warning Signs of Child Sexual Abuse.” The training was held at an elementary school staff meeting and provided information for the staff members to detect warning signs of child sexual abuse and contact information was provided on how to make a report.

April 2015, Organizer and Sponsor- Casino Night for the Senior Citizens

The Mayor and the Town Councilmembers sponsored out of our pocket a Casino Night for the senior citizen from the township to show how much we appreciate them. The seniors enjoyed dancing to the live band music and won many prices.

May 2015, Presenter - Councilwoman-At-Large

Presented a resolution, on behalf of the town council in observance of Haitian Flag Day. There were dignitaries from the Haitian community who provided history of their culture. The community shared in the festivities by dancing to cultural music and eating the cultural foods. A parade proceeded throughout the heart of the township.

May 2015, Councilwoman-at-Large Memorial Day Parade

Presenter- The Township sponsored an annual Memorial Day Parade. All the public schools and community organizations were invited to participate in the parade. The veterans and senior citizen were provided transportation on behalf of the mayor and town council to attend the parade. I presented a Resolution of Sorrow to a local veteran who recently passed away.

**Professional Commitments**

March 2014, NJCU Alumni Participant – Dinner with 12 Strangers

Attended “Dinner with 12 Stranger”, hosted by Dr. Sue Henderson, President of New Jersey City University. The purpose of the event was to bring together alumni and current students who share common interests yet represent the diverse backgrounds of Educational Technology majors.

July 2014 – to Present, Councilwoman-at-Large

As Councilwoman-at-Large, adopt ordinances, resolutions and policies and regulation for the residents of Irvington. As a leader, my job is to maintain a good working relationship with the Mayor and the administration. I serve on multiple committees including: the Grants Committee,

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the Public Safety Committee, the Technology Committee, the Health Care Committee, and the Legal Committee.

August 2014, Presenter along with NJCU Cohort Colleague

Conducted a Robotics Demonstration. In conjunction with the Jersey City Mayor’s Office, New Jersey City University hosted a program called “Jump Start” that served Jersey City young people in a Summer Youth program. Approximately 50 Jersey City residents, ages 15 -21, attended New Jersey City University for a day-long series of workshops including college readiness, leadership, and financial aid processes, to name a few. The robotics demonstration showcased how we envisioned using robots for research and teaching. The students were fascinated to use the visual programming tool used to program different robot behaviors combined with gestures, moments, sound, music and speech.

October 2014, Panel Member – NJASL Annual Fall Conference “Taking Charge of Your Destiny”

As part of a four-person panel of NJCU Doctoral students, my component was entitled “Follow Your Passion”, based on Ken’s Robinson’s book *Finding Your Passion*. The audience was comprised of people interested in the possibility of a Doctoral degree and I highlighted techniques to mentally prepare you based on your life experiences and technique for reaching your goals.

March 2015, Poster Presenter – NJEDge.Net Annual Faculty Showcase

Based on the topic “Follow You Passion”, I introduced my dissertation topic and attendees posed questions pertaining to my dissertation topic as well as asking questions about the NJCU Doctoral program.

May 2015, Councilwoman-at-Large – Groundbreaking Ceremony for Commercial and Residential Properties

Served as a Committee member to discuss the development of properties and how they will impact the community.

May 2015 Coordinator-Councilwoman-at-Large

Community Awareness Breakfast

This is a free event where the community and the Veterans come and sit down to have breakfast and discuss community involvement with the VFW Camptown Post 1941.